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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph starting at line 4 on page 1 of the subject specification:

This application is a national stage of PCT International Application No.  
PCT/IB2004/02527, filed July 27, 2004 which claims priority of Spanish Application No.  
2003/01922, filed August 8, 2003, the contents of all of which is hereby incorporated by  
reference into this application.

Please replace the paragraphs starting at line 25 on page 4 of the specification with the following paragraphs:

Also preferably, the protective group P is a tetrahydropyranyl, benzyl or trityl trityl (triphenylmethyl) group. More preferably still, P is a trityl trityl group.

The reaction can be carried out within a wide range of temperatures between 0°C and 130°C. Preferably, in a range of 25-70°C when P is terahydropyranyl, 40 to 70°C when P is benzyl and 80-120°C when P is trityl trityl.

Please replace the paragraph starting at line 11 on page 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

Preferably, the phase-transfer catalyst used is selected from among tetrabutyl ammonium bisulphate, Aliquat 336, tetrabutyl ammonium iodide, and ether ~~18-corona-6~~ 18-crown-6.